

Andrew Jackson to Stephen A. Hopkins, February 25, 1815, from Correspondence of Andrew Jackson. Edited by John Spencer Bassett.

TO BRIGADIER-GENERAL STEPHEN A. HOPKINS.¹

1 Copy. In Jackson's handwriting.

New Orleans, February 25, 1815.

Genl Hopkins, your letter of [*blank*] is to hand. You will have the advance post on the La fourch strengthened, so as to secure and defend it, against any sudden attack of the enemy all other exposed Points in your district defended by a sufficient force, the ballance of the militia, dismissed to their homes, to be ready at a minutes warning. you being charged and held responsible for the safety and defence of that section of the district, I have left the necessary force for its defence to your own Judgt, expecting it to be used with sound discretion. There are prospects of peace. this ought to make us more vigilant, to prevent a disgraced and exasperated enemy from obtaining any advantage over us untill peace is officially announced, and particularly if the present prospects eventuate in peace our days of watchfullness will be but few.